

# BWEP Oil Spill Disclaimer



Flight simulation is an electronic recreation of flying an aircraft, be it fixed or rotating wing. NOTHING in the simulation is “real” and the user is expected to suspend disbelief to enhance their immersion in what is being presented to them. Some of the RTMM locations are fictitious and some are based on real locations and RTMM offers the two aspects for the enjoyment of its users.

In the BWEP pipeline project, there are some ‘dispatches’ that involve oil spills and other undesired events along the virtual pipeline.

In so doing, RTMM does not intend to imply, or cause its users to form the impression, that these events are commonplace in respect of the real Trans-Alaska Pipeline System [TAPS] due to the neglect, or otherwise, of the responsible parties.

In fact, TAPS has been an **efficient, safe** and **environmentally sound** means to transport oil from Alaska’s North Slope. TAPS’ record of transporting oil, despite the geological perils of the Arctic environment, including countless earthquakes, **has been exceptional**.

As an example, where pipe corrosion is concerned, sophisticated corrosion detection devices are used that can detect pipe wall thinning of as little as one-sixteenth of an inch. This detection technology, coupled with an effective maintenance and repair program, will greatly extend the operational life of TAPS. There has never been a mainline pipe leak due to corrosion.

Mythically, at RTMM, we have a mythical entity that “taps” on the pipeline here and there and causes all kinds of mischief. You might want to keep an eye out for the mystical creature.

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